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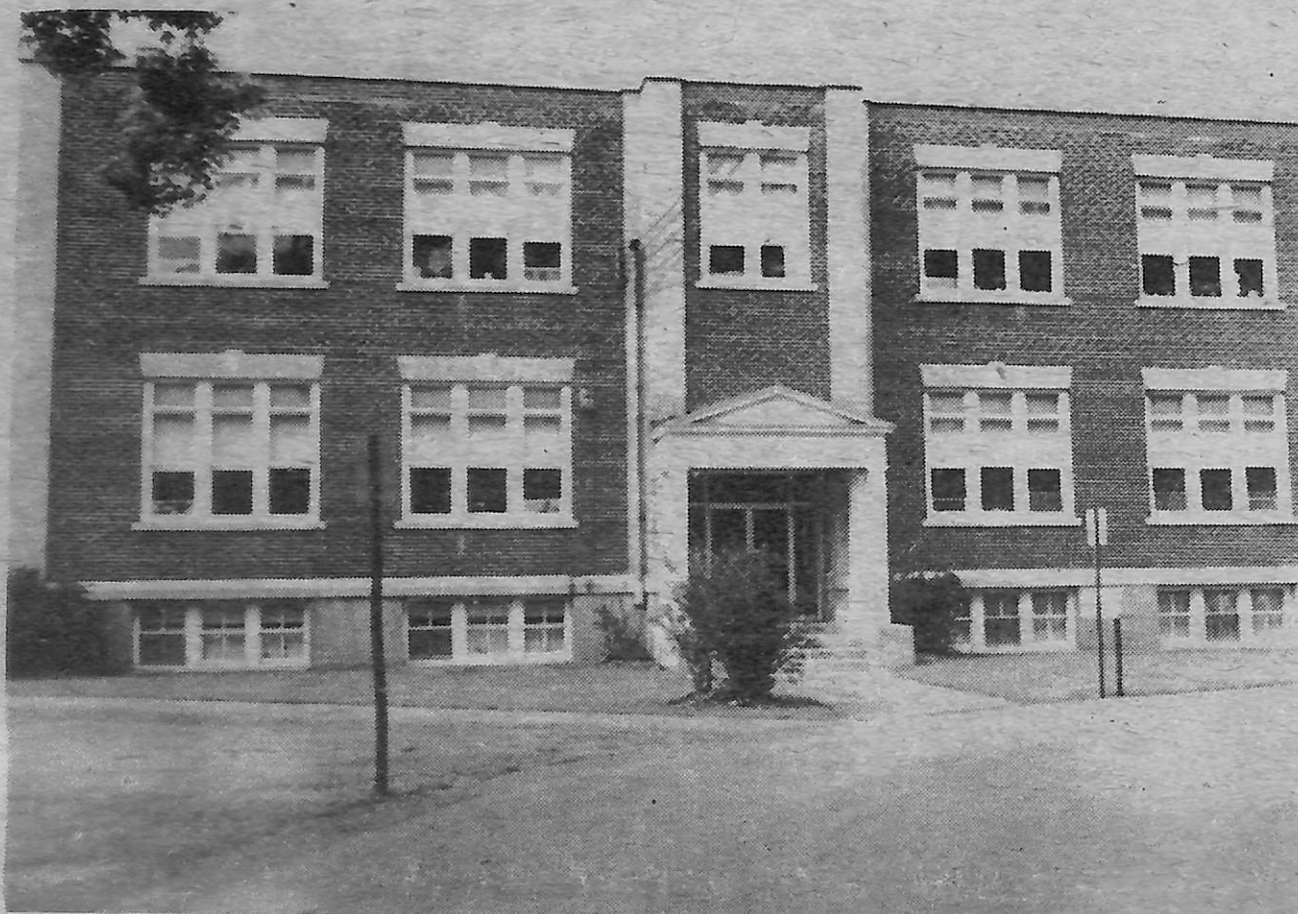
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THE WEST SUFFIELD SCHOOL, on a tight 4-3 vote by the Board of Education, will close at the end of the current academic year. Two hours of discussion preceded the actual vote. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

W. Suffield School To Close In June

By Connie Davis

Suffield: On a 4-3 vote, the Suffield Board of Education decided to close West Suffield School, effective at the end of the current school year. Voting in favor of the closing were Peter Das, MaryAnn Muska, Bonnie Carney and Elizabeth Mavis. Opposing were Jacqueline Morgan, Edna Mann and Paul Murphy. Chairman Robert Newman did not vote, and Robert Bigelow was absent from the meeting.

Having convened at the regular hour, the board then moved to the cafeteria to accommodate the twenty-plus residents who came for discussion on the school closing issue. Two hours of review and discussion in which most board members made their positions clear preceded the actual vote.

Jacqueline Morgan, who has worked with children at Bridge Street and Spaulding Schools, spoke of overcrowding, and Edna Mann and Paul Murphy stated they did not believe the present time was right to close the school.

Peter Das had visited the school earlier in the week and said the visit confirmed his belief that closing the school is in the best interest of the system educationally.

Though her sons attended the school, Elizabeth Mavis expressed confidence in the administration's long-range plan. MaryAnn Muska admitted she had difficulty in making up her mind in favor of the closing.

Bonnie Carey was the only board member who did not offer an explanation of her position.

The vote followed consideration of the petition signed by 800 residents opposed to the closing as well as statements from teachers and parents. After the vote, residents filed out, stunned and silent.

Both Superintendent of Schools DuPont and First Selectman Earl Waterman expressed surprise at the results. Waterman noted that the vote cannot be reversed.

In separate votes, the board went on record in favor of moving the kindergarten to Bridge Street School and of shifting first and second graders to Spaulding.

A recommendation to have an architect draw plans for an addition to Spaulding was tabled for a "reasonable" period of time.

Among the changes expected to occur next fall as kindergarten students vacate their wing at Spaulding and move to Bridge Street School include moving 2500 volumes of library books from the West Suffield School to the Spaulding library, with a 50-book rotating library slated for each first and second grade classroom.

Volunteers and the town highway department are expected to accomplish moving the environmental playground to Spaulding.

By employing the "house concept" used in high schools, as well as the same teachers, aides and materials, Dr. DuPont believes the smallness or "special atmosphere" of West Suffield School may be retained. Details of administrative organization will be decided by the board.

According to the administration, no problem is seen in continuing the nutrition program. Equipment from West may be set up in the Spaulding cafeteria.

Details on space available for special education and bussing for kindergarten students will come under study.

In closing, Chairman Robert Newman re-emphasized that the best interests of the children's education is the common concern.

Town Considers Establishment Of DPW

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen are considering a study committee report concerning the advantages and disadvantages of organizing a local department of public works.

The majority of the DPW Study Committee felt that while there is now an efficiency problem within the highway department, the town has "operated efficiently, economically and successfully" under the present system for many years. The group felt that a major organizational change at this time would not be financially feasible.

The committee recommended more cooperative relationships among departments involved in town maintenance, especially in manpower and equipment sharing. The group considered the highway and water departments, cemetery commission and town dump in its study.

The committee also presented a plan for a structured department of public works, noting advantages of one person being responsible for operations, flexibility of staff and equipment, planning of budgets, and priorities and directions for office personnel.

The committee proposed a nine member staff under the direction of a superintendent. The superintendent would be responsible to a governing board consisting of a selectman, a member of the water commission and a member of the planning board. The minority felt that reorganization could cost the town more money initially, but that could save the town money in the future.

Formation of a department of public works would require a vote of town meeting.

In an effort to promote cooperation among town departments, selectmen Wednesday met with Board of Health Chairman Leo Sagan, Building Inspector

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School Board Sets New Tuition Rates

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Noting the rising cost of education, the Southwick School Committee last week set new tuition rates for out-of-town students attending local schools for the 1982-83 year.

The committee unanimously voted to charge \$625 for each kindergarten student, up from the current \$550; \$1,450 for grades one through three, up from \$1,300; \$1,600 for grades four through eight, up from \$1,450; \$2,250 for high school, up from \$1,800. Tuition for special needs students will go down to \$4,150 from the current \$4,950.

Southwick currently services 120 students from Granville and Tolland.

According to Superintendent of Schools Louis Josselyn, the large \$450 increase for high school students is necessary because the number of students is decreasing while the cost to maintain the school is increasing.

The Finance Committee had asked the board to include all actual education costs, not just funds spent under their direction. These additional monies would take in insurance and retirement payments, some maintenance expenses, bonding and interest.

School officials said a large tuition hike could force towns to send their students elsewhere. Business Manager Kenneth Johnson felt Southwick could lose more with a drastic jump in rates than it would gain financially.

Without bonding rates, the town now pays approximately \$100 per student above the School Committee costs.

School Committeeman Jeffrey Youens suggested the board show an understanding of the financial problems of other towns and add these expenses to the tuition rate at \$50 a year for the next two years.

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Ferminio Benetti, Wiring Inspector Joseph Filiault and Gas and Plumbing Inspector William Cook to determine jurisdiction of the various offices and guidelines for handling future problems.

The group determined that many of the health board's complaints stemmed from lack of communication between that board and inspectors. Inspectors felt that they did many courtesy inspections that were not required by their position and their power for enforcement was not as great as that of the health board.

Concerning the possible hazardous situation at the Smit Gravel Pit operation, Benetti said he had done all he was empowered to do. The State Department of Public Safety Inspector said it was the owners' responsibility to post the property and barricade entrances.

In other business, selectmen will consult with Town Counsel John Burke concerning a request from Herbert Blier for renewal of a Class II license to repair and sell used cars. The renewal had been denied by the board on the grounds that Blier was in violation of the conservation commission and board of appeals restrictions at his Sam West Road property.

The land abuts Slab Brook and is located over the aquifer. The appeals board did not set a limit on the number of vehicles to be at the site but the conservation commission said state regulations mandates at least 10 feet of fill must protect the water source.

According to Attorney Paul Kalill of Springfield, Blier had hired an environmental engineer to study the problem and would work out a financially and environmentally acceptable solution at the site.

Board of Selectmen Chairman John Viel, a former conservation commission chairman, said past owners of the site had illegally excavated the property. The operation presents the possibility of oil and chemical seepage into the aquifer.

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Board Chairman Priscilla Deveno said the Finance Committee and selectmen could recommend what they want, but "what we do is up to us." The \$50 is included in the new rates.

The School Committee will formally request \$25,000 from selectmen to meet current operational expenses. According to Town Accountant Eileen Whiting, funds are available from state aid to towns.

School officials said a \$43,000 deficit in the Special Needs account exists primarily because of new enrollments and budget cuts. Much of the Special Needs program is state-mandated, but must be financed locally. The school department is responsible for transporting special needs individuals to out-of-district programs when it cannot provide education to meet their needs.

In making this request for funds, Mrs. Deveno said, "If parents are now behind us at town meeting, we will have to close the schools." She said we have to realize our obligation to educate our children, with or without Proposition 2½.

In other business, the School Committee appointed Theresa Holl of Southwick as half-time permanent substitute at the high school to replace Christine Keefe, who was granted a year's leave of absence effective January 4th.

Mrs. Frances Allen was appointed part-time special needs aide at Powder Mill School. She will work with one student three hours a day at a rate of \$3.35 an hour.

William Alamed received a custodial appointment to fill a vacancy created by a retirement. The board also approved a year's leave of absence for Judith Johnson, part-time physical education teacher at Woodland School.

Taken under consideration is a proposal to combine two assistant coaching positions at the high school. According to Jossely, participation in boys' and girls' track does not warrant two assistants. He said one could handle both positions.

The next regular school committee meeting is Tuesday, January 5th.



SOUTHWICK SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN Priscilla Deveno led the discussion as her committee decided to up the tuition rates for out-of-town students.

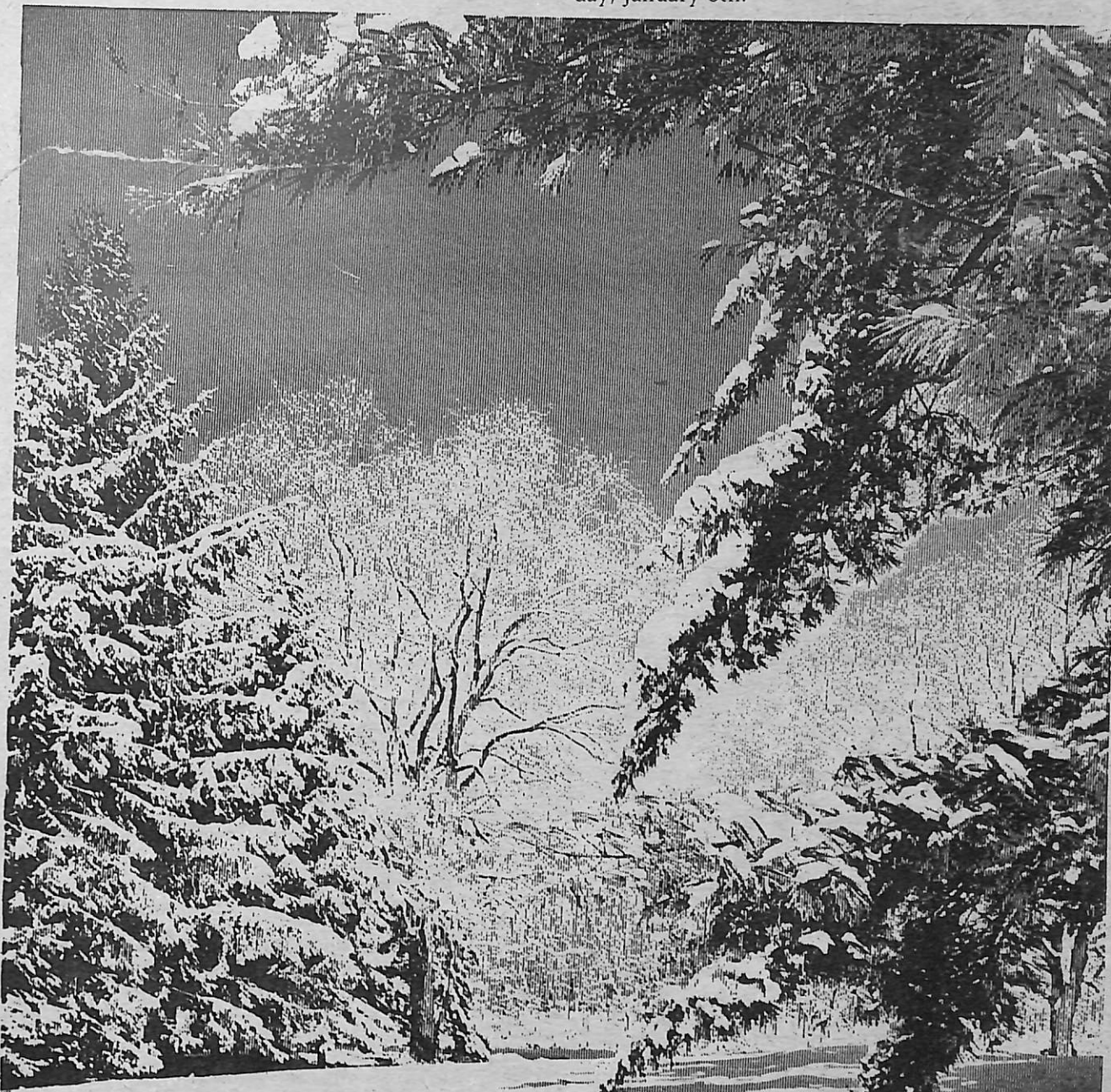
Southwick Collector Urges Tax Payment

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Facing payment of a \$700,000 note, Town Clerk and Tax Collector Barbara Pooler urges all residents to pay their taxes on or before Monday, December 21st, even though they are not due until December 28th.

She notes that many individuals have already paid their taxes, but not enough for her to meet the loan due Monday. She explains that without the funds coming in, she will have to take out another loan to pay off the debt on time.

The town office will be open all day Wednesday, December 23rd, and will close at noon on both Thursday, December 24th and 31st.



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Finance Board Hears Requests

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Board of Finance members elected Rockwood Berry to the position of vice chairman following Chairman Patricia Smith's confirmation of the post's approval by the town counsel.

Lorette Russell, chairman of the Zoning and Planning Board, noted authorization to hire an assistant to Building Inspector Bob Johnson and the board allocated \$1,660 for that purpose.

Robert Newman, chairman of the Board of Education, along with Superintendent of Schools Sidney Dupont and Assistant Superintendent Frank Albus presented quotes for roof repair to the original portion of Spaulding School.

First Selectman Earl Waterman suggested that, since the school is a town building, selectmen should take a more active role and work with the school board to spend money in the most practical way. Board members and selectmen agreed to come back to the Board of Finance with firm recommendations, to write specifications, and to go out to bid.

Selectmen received approval of State Aid for Road Funds in the amount of \$118,211, which will have to go before a town meeting. In addition, they were given the right to expend money for highway-related purposes, such as equipment and bridges.

Treasurer Lewis Cannon reported on the recent sale of four sewer assessment notes and bond anticipation notes outstanding for sewer construction projects. He also received permission to close the school roof construction project and to transfer the remaining \$799 in interest into the general fund.

In other business, the board adopted guidelines for the 1982-83 budget, set salary and wage increases at 8½%, and adopted the 1982 calendar for meetings. An executive session involved discussion of teacher contract negotiations, but no vote was taken.

Reminder On Taxes Due

Suffield: A reminder has been issued to residents of Suffield that the second installment of real estate and personal property taxes is due on January 1, 1982. Also due is payment for supplemental motor vehicle tax bills for vehicles registered after October 1, 1980.

Bills are payable on or before February 1, 1982 without interest charges. As of February 2nd, interest will be charged at the rate of 1¼% per month from January 1st.

Kent Memorial To Hold Winter Story Hour

Kent Memorial Library will hold its winter preschool story hours from January 6 through February 10th. The times of the story hours are: 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for children ages three through five; and 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for children who are 2 1/2. To pre-register your children call the library at 668-2325.

The Southwick-Suffield Advertiser/News will not publish during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. We will return to your homes on January 9th.

A View From The Inside

By Ruth C. Fahrbach
CT. State Rep.
61st District



Christmas Season A Time For Helping Others

One of our state representatives, Elsie Swensson of Manchester, is currently a patient in a convalescent hospital as a result of a hit-and-run accident and will have to spend a few months confined to a wheelchair. As a patient she has visited many older (and a few younger) patients and has come up with a list of their Christmas and year round needs.

December is a time when when we are more inclined to have a big heart, so with the holiday season upon us, or at any time of year, let's give our less fortunate friends gifts that they can appreciate and use. Besides rest homes, you may know of someone in your own neighborhood who would be delighted to have you drop by for a short visit.

In addition to flowers and fruits, shut-ins need: skin lotion, toothpaste or denture cleaner, soaps and shaving cream, tissues, knitted booties with ties or golf socks, seasonal hanging arrangements for a window or door, a box of a variety of wrapped candy bars.

Also needed are: stationery with stamps included, collection of all-occasion cards with stamps, talc or dusting powder in plastic containers, cookies or crackers in tin boxes.

Some other items needed are: the rental of a television set with remote control, yarn or small needlepoint kits, small jars of jellies or jams, crocheted or knitted small lap robes, a subscription to TV Guide or a newspaper.

But, the best gift of all is a little visit, especially some patients who have no one left to call. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!**



CLOVERS 'N OVERS rehearse for their carol sing slated for Dec. 21st. Left to right, back row, Kim Smith, Terrie Wysocki, Jon Nicholson, Val Rose, Robin Goodsell. Front row, Jerry Smith, Brian Ahrens, Kim Ahrens, and Jessica Wysocki. Photo by Jim Nelson.

Southwick 4-Her's Adopt Name 'Clovers 'N Overs'

By Candis Bloomrose

A 4-H member makes the best better by pledging to clearer thinking, a heart to greater loyalty, hands to larger service, and health to better living for club, community, country and the world.

In 1976, this philosophy attracted Judith Wysocki of Phelps Road in West Suffield to the world of 4-H. After encountering 4-H'ers in action at the Big E, "wholesome teenagers doing good things," both Judy and her husband Hank felt that organization offered many opportunities to their daughters, Terrie and Jessica.

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MEMBERS OF THE SPAULDING SCHOOL FIFTH GRADE chorus (on stage) and members of the Suffield High School robed choir (seated in front) perform "Christmas In Song" in two performances on December 16th and 17th. This marked the first time the two groups joined forces for a holiday musical treat. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson

Suffield High & Spaulding School Join For First "Christmas In Song"

Suffield: On December 16th and 17th, the Suffield High School robed choir and Spaulding School's fifth grade chorus joined forces in presenting the holiday program "Christmas in Song."

Under the direction of Frank Pacocha of the high school and Barbara Tanguay of Spaulding, the students entertained for other students and parents in the afternoon and repeated the performance the

following evening at the high school for the general public.

The program - including a Christmas musical, ensembles by the two choruses, and dance numbers - helped everyone get into the holiday spirit and also provided the first occasion for the two school choirs to perform together.

Energy Assistance Available

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Betty Maguire recently attended a workshop for area town coordinators who sought information on this year's program of energy assistance to low income families. The setting for the workshop was the Community Renewal Team headquarters in Hartford.

According to Mrs. Maguire, overall eligibility is determined by the Community Renewal Team (CRT). She has application forms which she will help residents fill in. One prerequisite, for example, is documentation of earnings for eight weeks, if employed.

If Suffield residents are having difficulty paying energy bills, Mrs. Maguire has information and will assist them. In addition to the CRT program, referral to other assistance programs is possible.

Mrs. Maguire may be contacted at her office in the town hall.

Raffle Winners Announced

Suffield: The drawing for the Suffield Women's Club raffle for the benefit of the Hatheway House Barn Fund was held on December 9th. The winners are as follows:

First prize, silver relish tray: Helen Galvin; Second Prize, Hitchcock folding table: Marianne Paradis; Third prizes (five), one month memberships at American Health Fitness Center: Ann Conway, Peg VanGelder, Jan Misk, J. Osowiecki, and Jan Montgomery.

Fourth prize, hot air corn popper: Ethel Nelsen; Fifth prizes (three) stainless steel relish bowls: Louise Simmons, Emily Formanek, and Joanne Sullivan. Sixth prize, dinner for two at Pumpernickel Pub: Sheila Scully.

Santa's Coming To Suffield

Santa will be in Suffield and West Suffield December 17th through December 22nd. Any individual who would like to have him visit his home is asked to call Donna Corriveau at 668-0281 or Chris Coleman at 668-1064.

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Kent Library Says Buy Books As Gifts

Books make a lasting gift for children of all ages. Last minute holiday shoppers might look for some of these titles in their local book stores, suggests Mary Jo Murphy, Children's Librarian at Kent Memorial Library.

Babies under two - board or rag books dealing with familiar items and which have one concept to a page such as **Dressing or Family** by Helen Oxenbury or **Max's Suit, Max's Toys, or Max's Ride** by Rosemary Wells.

Two and three's - Rosemary Hutchins has written many stories for this age group which contains a large, bright picture and a simple story such as **Titch, Sam's Birthday or Good-night, Owl**.

Four and five year olds (as well as older children) will be delighted by Sendak's new offering, **Outside, Over There or Jumanji** by Chris VanAllsburg.

Six and seven year olds love to show off their new reading skills with such titles as **Blackout** by Rockwell, or **Hockey Is Our Game**, by Leila Gemme.

Beverly Cleary's newest book, **Rosemary Quimby, Age 8**, or George Selden's **Chester Cricket's Pigeon Ride** would make good choices for eight and nine year olds or could be read to younger children.

Ten through twelve year olds might enjoy **The Fledgling** by Langton or **Mollie Hunters-You Never Knew Her As I Did**, a historical fiction about Mary, Queen of Scots.

Shel Silverstein's newest bit of humor is verse and cartoon titled **A Light In The Attic** is guaranteed to tickle the funny bones of adults as well as children.

Fitness Program Rescheduled

Cyndy Duade's Fitness Program has rescheduled the class which was cancelled last Tuesday for this Tuesday, December 22nd, weather permitting.

The class scheduled for December 29th will also be cancelled due to school vacation. Classes will resume on a weekly basis beginning January 5th at 7 p.m.

Minibus Available For Suffield

Minibus transportation is available in Suffield. For reservations, call 668-0344 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Firesafe Ideas

By the Suffield Firemen's Association, Inc.



If you cannot find the perfect Christmas gift for a loved one or friend; or if you receive a gift you must exchange...consider a home smoke detector. Detectors usually retail for approximately ten to sixty dollars. There are two basic types of smoke detectors: Ionization and Photo-electric. Either type can provide adequate home protection.

1. Ionization type detectors have a slight edge in giving an early warning of open, flaming fires. They respond to invisible products of combustion particles.

2. Photo-electric type detectors are somewhat more likely to give the alarm while a fire is still smoldering. They respond to visible smoke particles.

If sufficient smoke detectors are provided, another excellent gift is a chain escape ladder. It can provide a second means of escape from a second floor bedroom window if fire blocks the door. Chain ladders can be purchased through outlets handling safety equipment, or contact your local fire department for names of suppliers.

Local Churches Plan Seasonal Services

Southwick: Several churches in town have planned special programs and services for Christmas. Among them is a Christmas Eve program for and with children on December 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Christ Church United Methodist. They will also have a service at 11 p.m.

Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church will offer a children's mass at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and another mass at 6 p.m. and at midnight. Christmas morning masses will be a 9:30 and 11 o'clock, and another will be held at 7 p.m.

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation will be administered on Monday, December 21st, from 7 to 8 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 23rd, from 10 to 11:30.

The Pilgrim Covenant Church in Granby, Connecticut, will offer a 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service and then a Watch Night service at 11 p.m.

The Christ Lutheran Church will hold a candlelight communion service on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. and a festival worship and communion on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock.

The Southwick Congregational Church will hold an 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service.



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LIBRARY UPDATE

By Mary Williams
Southwick Librarian

The Southwick Public Library and the Southwick Friends of the Library are pleased to announce the opening of a children's story hour beginning January 13th and continuing every other Wednesday morning from 10 to 11 o'clock through the month of March.

This storytelling and craft activity will be directed by Margo Storozuk, Marie Hawthorne and Kathy Massoni for three- and four-year-olds and will consist of two groups limited to eight children each. Parents who are interested in enrolling their pre-schoolers in this activity will find a sign-up sheet posted on the library bulletin board.

The Southwick Public Library offers a good selection of the latest best sellers including the following:

Funeral Games by Mary Renault: the last of a trilogy about Alexander the Great

A Book of Lights by Chaim Potok, author of *The Chosen* and *The Promise*

The Last Ambassador by Bernard & Marvin Kalb: a novel surrounding the fall of Saigon

Bread Upon The Waters by Irwin Shaw, author of *Rich Man, Poor Man*

Remembrance by Danielle Steele: a love story encompassing two generations following WWII

USA by James Michener: a travelogue in true Michener style

War On Sark by Julie Tremayne: letters to her daughter during the German occupation of WWII

The Second Stage by Betty Friedan, author of the *Feminine Mystique*

Pills That Don't Work by Sidney M. Wolfe: a guide to prescription drugs that "lack evidence of effectiveness"

Pathfinders by Gail Sheeney, author of *Passages*
Old Glory, An American Voyage by Jonathan Raban, who recounts his trip down the Mississippi

Volunteers Aid Town Library

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: As an organization called the "Friends of the Library" has nearly passed out of existence in Southwick, the library still does not find itself without friends. Over twenty women volunteer their services weekly to help librarian Mary Williams keep the library open and running smoothly.

According to Mrs. Williams, the library could not provide the services it does without the aid of such "friends." She said, "There's more to library work than checking books in and out. While one person works at the desk, another can be filing or putting books away, typing cards for the catalog or answering reference questions."

Mrs. Williams has even shoveled snow from the stairs when the town did not get to the library early enough.

The local library makes its own catalog cards for books, averaging three or four per volume. This practice saves money and allows for new books to be adjusted into the present filing system. But it also takes time away from the librarian, who must purchase and catalog books and make up budget reports as well.

The "Friends of the Library" group has been responsible for fundraising to allow for expenditures which cannot be budgeted through the town, according to sole active member Marilyn Chunglo. According to her, the group has held book sales and can receive private contributions for library use.

Donations made directly to the library have to go into the General Fund of the town while donations made to the "Friends" can be used specifically for the library, she explained.

While active, the group purchased material for

drapes and had the sign painted. It financed the purchase of a card-dating machine, which allows local card holders to borrow and return books at any other library in the state.

The "Friends" also supplied the library with a copying machine. The fees collected from use of this machine are returned to the library.

According to Mrs. Chunglo, the "Friends" funding supplies the library with the extras the town cannot afford.

Because of her enthusiastic interest in and support of the library for many years, Mrs. Chunglo was given the job of coordinating the volunteer staff, many of whom are members of the Southwick Women's Club. Last spring, there were about 33 volunteers, but some left for college and others were only temporary. There are now 23 women working on a weekly basis or filling in when necessary. A prime concern of the coordinator is that no one ever be alone in the building, especially at night.

Besides their regular library duties, the volunteer staff schedules a pre-school story hour every few months and plans summer activities to help children fill in the gap left by the elimination of the summer parks and recreation program.

New volunteers can always fit into the program, according to both Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Chunglo. If enough people are willing to work, it may be possible to open the library on Saturdays again.

The library is now open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon; 1 to 5 p.m.; and 7 to 9 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.



Financial Facts

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Suffield Savings Bank

Use Of "Checks"

A large majority of the purchases that consumers make today are paid with checks. Checks are so common in our society that they function like cash in many instances. Some checks, however, are more acceptable than others. It is useful to know the legal standing that checks enjoy to determine which checks are appropriate to use.

Personal checks are the most widely used checks in our economy by consumers. A personal check is a "personal promise to pay" the full amount of the check when it is presented at the bank it is drawn on.

Most merchants are willing to accept personal checks with proper identification for consumer purchases. Unfortunately, many people knowingly write personal checks without the funds to pay them. This has caused merchants to exercise greater care in the acceptance of personal checks, especially for large purchases.

Money orders purchased from banks, the Post Office, and money order companies are also widely used by consumers. Since money orders must be purchased with cash, merchants are usually willing to accept them more readily than personal checks. As with a personal check, a consumer can "Stop Payment" on a money order if he has a dispute with a merchant over the service or product that was purchased.

Bank checks, which are also known as Teller's Checks and Cashier's Checks, are the most acceptable checks for large purchases such as automobiles and real estate. A bank check has several features that ensure its acceptability. First, a bank check is a promise to pay by a bank, not the individual who purchases the check. The funds are always available for payment when the check is presented. A "Stop Payment" cannot be placed on a bank check unless it is lost or stolen. Anyone who accepts a bank check for payment is reasonably assured of payment.

Certified Personal Checks also have the same high degree of acceptability enjoyed by bank checks. That is because upon certification, a bank guarantees payment of the certified check. The obligation for payment is transferred from the maker to the bank. Like bank checks, certified checks cannot be stopped unless lost or stolen.

Unless specifically requested otherwise, consumers can use their own personal checks for payment of purchases. In so doing they retain the ability to stop payment if a dispute arises over the purchase and they have a permanent record of payment. When using bank checks or certified checks they should realize that the payment cannot be stopped once it is made.

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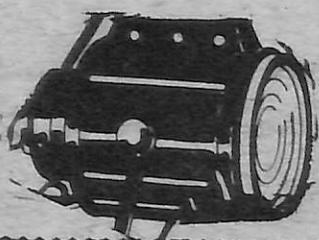
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Wed., Dec. 23: Pork cutlet, scalloped potato, sweet & sour cabbage, chicken noodle soup, rye bread, applesauce, milk

Thurs., Dec. 24: Roast leg of veal, baked potato, broccoli, tomato juice, parker house roll, tapioca pudding, milk

The senior Christmas party was a big success with 105 in attendance. Many presents were brought to donate to retarded children, and gifts were also exchanged among those attending. Entertainment was provided by a barber shop quartet who sang many old songs and some Christmas carols.

Dr. Haynes, our foot doctor, has cancelled his visit this month but will be here in January. He is moving into his new office in the Crossroads Shoppes near the lights in Feeding Hills center.

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When you leave to visit friends for the day, please turn off all your Christmas lights and make sure the stove and fireplace are secure. If there were electric toys or tools under the tree, check to see that they are off when left unattended.

On behalf of all members of the Southwick Fire Department, we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and the most joyous of new years. In closing, we would like to thank you for your support at the town meeting and express our gratitude to the Southwick selectmen for designating Sunday as Southwick's Firemen's Day.



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Tripping About

By Jeanne Gilbert

An Inn For All Seasons

In the small town of Chittenden, Vermont, situated on 500 acres, 2,000 feet atop the Green Mountains with a panoramic view over the Mountain Top Lake, you will find the delightful Mountain Top Inn.

A few seasons ago, part of the inn was destroyed by fire; however that part has been completely rebuilt and refurbished so as to retain the same relaxed atmosphere which the inn has been noted for over the past thirty years.

Our room in the new wing was tastefully decorated and had a king size bed which really is a plus if you have been used to one at home. The bathroom was very up-to-date, even having a bidet. The amusing thing was that in this large bathroom, the plumber had installed it too close to the tub.

We found the dining room and the cocktail lounge warm and friendly places to relax and enjoy the excellent drinks, food, and service.

Antique buffs will appreciate the many fine and unusual pieces, both in the lobby and in the lounge. A small gift shop featuring handcrafted items and antiques is located in the inn.

One of the most charming customs of the inn is that upon returning to your room after dinner, you will find your bed turned down and a maple sugar candy placed on each pillow. The night light will have been left on for you, fresh linens will be hanging in the bath, and all wastebaskets and ashtrays will have been emptied.

Right outside the door of the inn, you will find over 55 miles of woodland and meadow trails for cross country skiing, and for alpine skiing. Pice an⁵ Killington are only 15 to 20 minutes away.

The inn has many things to keep you busy, no matter what season you plan your vacation in. Winter rates include free use of all facilities including the cross country ski trails, ice skating pond, tobogganing, ski sledding, sauna, and whirlpool spa, and game room. Horsedrawn sleigh rides are available at a nominal fee.

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Legal Memo

By Alan Ferrigno, Esq.

Business Incorporation

The decision whether or not to incorporate your business venture is made after consideration of many factors.

Often a predominant factor in making this decision will be the short and long range federal income tax effects.

One advantage of incorporating with which almost everyone is familiar is attempted insulation of the business owner (s) from liability from business debts.

A second advantage of incorporating that is often important is centralized management. The ultimate power in a corporation usually resides in the person or persons who own a majority of the voting stock.

Another possible advantage of incorporating lies in the estate planning area, a vast area which requires meticulous exploration.

Only after careful analysis of these and other facts can a decision on whether or not to incorporate be made.



Lift Your Spirits

By Mickey Spear

Appropriate Wine

Wine does not travel well. Even from the wine shop to home, it gets shaken up and needs days or, in some cases, weeks to recuperate. One cannot buy great wine, bring it home, pour it into a glass and expect it to be sensational. Even beer needs care in handling when moved, and wine is more fragile.

If you feel like having a bottle of wine for dinner, or with some cheese, it would be better to choose an inexpensive regional such as Beaujolais rather than something from a grand chateau which will cost much more, and taste like a regional wine anyway if it does not have time to rest.

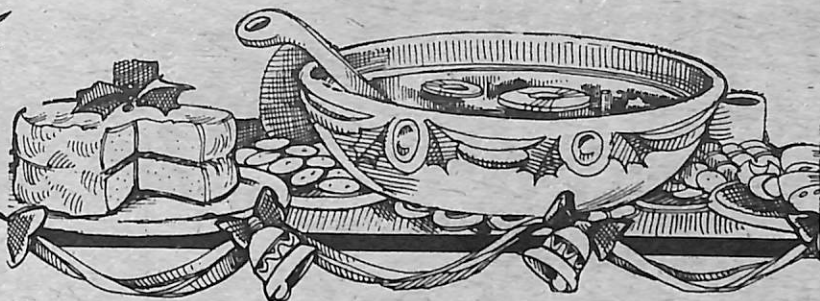
Wine should be chosen to match the occasion. A magnificent Bordeaux should be served with some beef and a touch of reverence. It wouldn't be wrong to drink it out of a mug in a dorm, but it would be a waste when a gallon of Gallo would do the job at hand better.

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Community Scrapbook

By Claudia Scott

Lori Nelson Receives National Recognition

Lori Nelson of Southwick has achieved many goals this year as well as having scored them as a member of the 1981 National Junior College Field Hockey Champions.

A second-year student at Mitchell Junior College in New London, Connecticut, 20-year-old Lori is reaping the benefits of years of athletic participation. She admits to getting a head start when, as a child; her two older brothers always needed a catcher for their neighborhood baseball games. When they eventually allowed her to hit, she "began getting better than they were," she jokes.

As a Southwick High student, Lori played on the winning basketball and softball teams in the county leagues. She was selected for the bi-county all-star team as a utility player.

Lori relates that one day, after winning an important basketball game, she sat on the bench and thought to herself that she did not want high school to be the end of her playing team sports. She decided to go to Mitchell, known for its physical education programs. In her first year, she was selected a member of the All New England Junior College softball team.

Although she is attending Mitchell on a softball scholarship, it is her outstanding performance in field hockey which made headlines this year. Clippings stating "Nelson Leads Team" and "Nelson Offensive Standout For Mitchell" have been reasons why Lori was chosen as one of sixteen women in the nation for the All National Field Hockey Tournament Team when she played in the nationals for in Baltimore last October.

Lori is modest about her achievements, however, stating that if it weren't for her coach, who was chosen outstanding in the nation, and the other teammates, "I couldn't have gotten anywhere."

Lori is a dedicated athlete, often practicing despite minor injuries. She said that when she hurt her knee earlier this season, she knew she couldn't give up playing. Lori finds nothing more rewarding than competing and striving to become better in sports.

In the nationals, it was Lori's goal scored in the last 33 seconds of play that won the game 1-0. She plans to transfer to a four-year school with a good field hockey team, hopefully on another sports scholarship.

Despite Lori's demanding athletic schedule, she maintains a commendable scholastic average. Majoring in sociology, she is doing an internship at a halfway house for girls ages 13-17. These are runaways, parentally abused, or problem drug abusers who live in this house and work together as a cooperative group.

Lori does some counseling, but is mainly there to serve as a role model to girls who often have no one else to share their feelings with. Lori finds this kind of work extremely satisfying and plans to have a career in human services. She says that she herself took a while to "get her act together" concerning school and goals so she feels she can understand some of the problems these adolescents face.

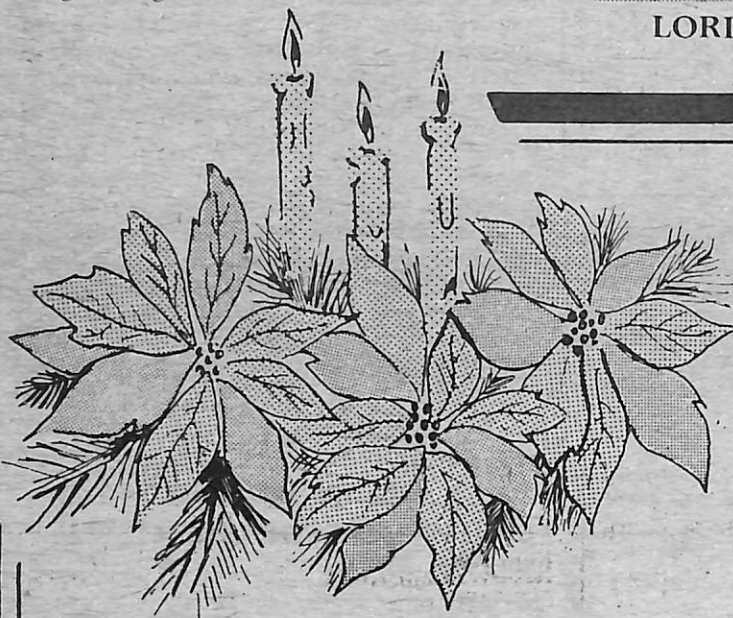
Her other classes also require much time. Besides her internship, she is studying interviewing/counseling techniques, intro to community agencies, comparative politics and math. She is also on a work-study program at Mitchell, which leaves little free time. When she does have a day and the weather allows, she loves to ski, having taken up this sport as a preschooler.

Besides her two older brothers, David, who lives in Oregon, and Steven, she has a sister Tracy, a freshman at Keene State, and a brother Mike, who attends Southwick High and lives with her mother Diane on Loomis Street.

Lori has a pretty smile which is nice to see as she talks about her present life. It is obvious that she will be reaching more goals in the future.



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School News

Miss Prew Wins O'Brien Award



Suffield High sophomore, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Prew of Halladay Ave. is the recipient of the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award. She was judged on her leadership ability, sensitivity to others, desire to learn and to share her knowledge with others. Photo by Suffield High Senior David Shulte.

Suffield School Lunches

Mon., Dec. 21: Hamburger in roll, steamed brown rice, green beans, rosy applesauce, milk
 Tues., Dec. 22: French bread pizza, green salad, fruit cake with "snow" frosting, milk
 Wed., Dec. 23: Frankfurt in roll, cheese stick, potato puffs, holiday fruit cup
SCHOOL VACATION

Suffield Peace Corps Teacher Requests Paperback Books

By Connie Davis

David Powell, a Suffield native currently teaching with the Peace Corps in Niger, West Africa, needs 500 to 1,000 paperback books. In a letter to his parents, the Samuel Powells of 124 North Main Street, he wrote of a "dire need" for educational materials and resource books in English.

Powell has been teaching English since July, 1981. After twelve weeks of intensive training, which included learning the native Hausa language, his first assignment was to a small village where he learned about tribal life and customs. Living in primitive surroundings, he wrote of being welcomed along with fellow Peace Corps members by natives with gifts. Among the challenges he describes are poverty, language difficulty, and isolation.

Following school training in the capital city of Niamey, he was given the post of English teacher at L'Ecole Normale in the city of Zinder. While describing the charm of Niger's cities, Powell mentions the contrast between government buildings and native marketplaces where camels and nomads wander through the streets. Overlooking Zinder is the French Foreign Legion fortress which appears in the movie "Beau Geste."

Powell calls Niger "one of the poorest of the Third World nations, with the northern half being desert [Sahara]. Eight to ten percent of the people are literate in French. Poor rainfall and uncontrolled disease deal devastating blows to its agrarian economy. Education is vital to Niger. It is looking to France and the United States to help it..."

Anyone who has paperback books he would like to send to Niger is asked to call his mother, Marga Powell, at (203) 668-2175.

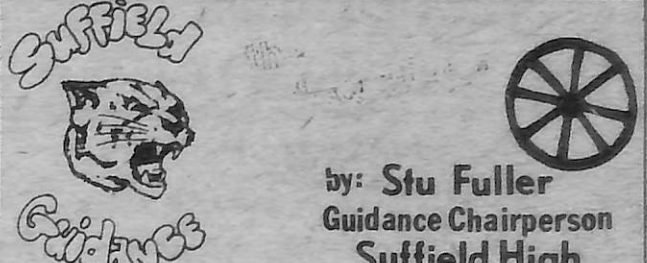
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by: **Stu Fuller**
Guidance Chairperson
Suffield High

S.A.T. scores have recently been received by those taking part in the national testing program on November 7th. Smiling faces are seen on those students who have shown an improvement, and frowns from those who haven't.

Some interesting comparisons can be made between the Classes of '81 and '82. Students ranking in the top ten percent of their class had SAT verbal averages of 540 and math averages of 568 from the Class of '82. For '81, the averages were 513 and 616, respectively. Averages for students with class ranks in the upper 50% of their classes were 443 verbal and 494 math for the Class of '81, while the Class of '82 recorded 457 verbal and 512 math as their averages.

In discussing college acceptance criteria, an important thing to remember is to look at the total individual, SAT's being only once aspect which is considered. The above averages speak very highly of the average college bound student from Suffield High.

Now begins the "busy season" for college acceptance notices. Congratulations go this week to Eliza Leventis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leventis, 121 Wendover Road, who has received early decision acceptance from Bowdoin.

An early decision acceptance is particularly significant since a student accepted under such a condition makes a commitment to attend and since the decision is made early, the college only selects those students they are convinced will continue to succeed in high school and most likely maintain the same degree of success at their college. Early decision, therefore, is extremely competitive, selective, and offered only to top candidates.

Bob Psholka, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Psholka, 1233 East Street, has been accepted to the University of New York at Delhi in the Engineering Science program. Beth Elkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elkins, 1595 North Stone St., West Suffield, has been accepted to Asnuntuck Community College and has chosen to begin her college courses second semester this year while completing our English requirement here.

Chris Misseri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Misseri, 12 Chestnut Drive, West Suffield, has been accepted to Asnuntuck as well. Mary Ellen Gogulski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gogulski, 1039 Ratley Road, West Suffield, has been accepted to American International College.

Duane Lagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lagle, 132 Spencer St., has been accepted to Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire. Paula Christian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Christian, 495 Hale St., has been accepted and filed a letter of intent to attend Western Connecticut State College. Sue Coatti has added Dean Junior College to her list of acceptances.

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McAlister Students 'Adopt' Grandparents

By Lil Devin

Suffield: The elderly at the Parkway Pavilion nursing home in Enfield are visited once a month by sixth graders at McAlister Middle School. These regular field trips are an important part of the home economics department's community action program which develops responsibility and communication skills in the students, according to home economist Deborah DeMarey.

Each month, the students visit the Parkway residents in a program which allows them to "adopt a grandparent." The pupils make crafts with the senior citizens on a one-to-one basis for approximately one hour each visit. Once they have returned to the school, the students discuss their experiences with Ms. DeMarey and sometimes try to work out problems which may have occurred.

Some of the students have had difficulty in dealing with residents in wheelchairs, with poor eyesight, and victims of stroke. Ms. DeMarey believes these problems stem from the students' having had little or no contact with senior citizens, but she feels continuous exposure to the residents at the nursing home will remedy these difficulties.

Ms. DeMarey claims the regular field trips are beneficial for everyone involved. Students get a realistic idea of what it is like to be aged and thereby learn to develop patience when working with the elderly. According to crafts coordinators at the nursing home, the residents enjoy the companionship of the sixth graders and take pride in the crafts they make.

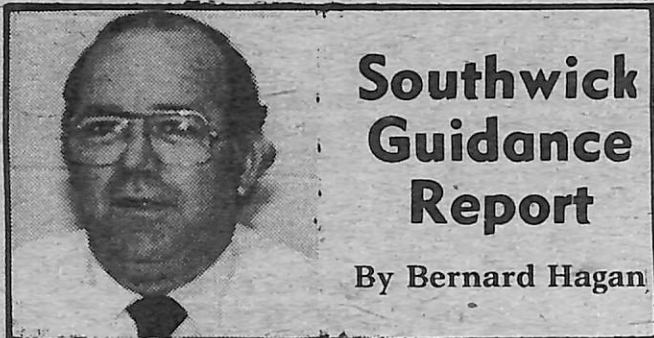
In addition to working with the elderly on a monthly basis, students are encouraged to continue relationships with their adopted grandparents. This decreases the chances that the residents will be forgotten over holidays and vacations.

The community action program is in its beginning stages at McAlister Middle School, but Ms. DeMarey hopes it can be worked into the curriculum in the future.

Although both the elderly and students enjoy working together, the purpose of the field trips is not to have fun. Ms. DeMarey explains the reasoning behind this project involves teaching students responsibility and developing their ability to cope with problems of the elderly. The fact that more residents at Parkway are getting involved with the program each month and that the students are receptive to the field trips proves that the program's goals are being met to the satisfaction of all concerned.



BOYS FROM THE MCALISTER MIDDLE SCHOOL are once-a-month visitors to the Parkway Pavilion nursing home in Enfield as a part of the school's home economics program which develops responsibility and communication skills in the students. McAlister Middle School students pictured are, from left: Kenny Waite, Bruce Wahl, Pat Milligan, Jason Woodworth, Chris Lucia, Jonathan Pitchford, Darryl Colson, Eric Marc, Ryan Buckelew. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.



Southwick Guidance Report

By Bernard Hagan

Important Events To Remember

The 1982-83 Financial Aid Forms are now available in the Southwick High School Guidance Office. Lee Siosa, director of Financial Aid at AIC, will be in the high school library on **January 5th** at 7 p.m. to discuss the form on a step-by-step basis with all interested parents and students who are applying for financial aid to college.

Siosa has offered this opportunity to parents and students for the past four years and his assistance has proven to be very helpful as well as beneficial.

Please keep this most important date in mind: **January 5th at 7 p.m.**

We at Southwick High School wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We'll be back with you again after our holiday vacation.

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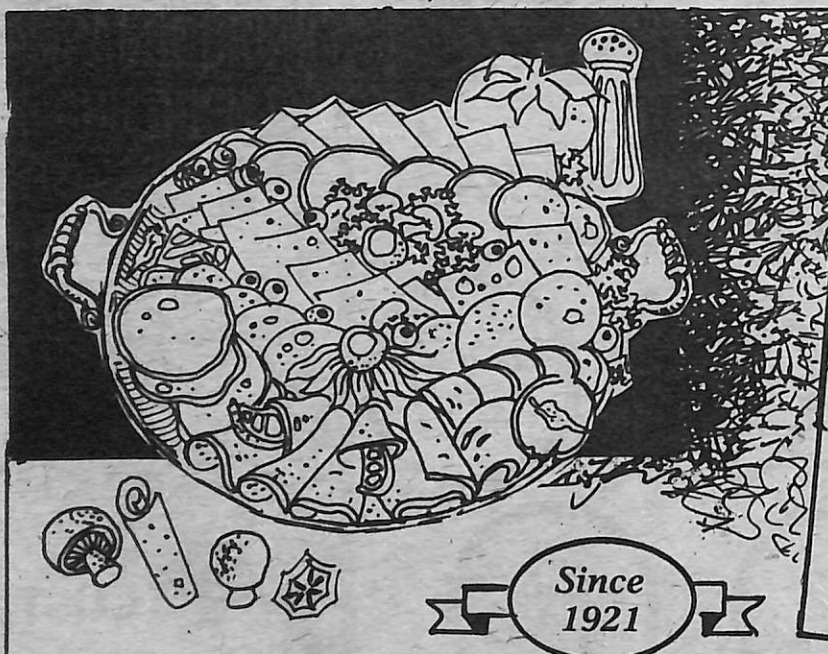
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(Clovers, Continued From Page 3)

Joining a 4-H club is one way young people can participate in a national youth program that has local, county, state, national and even international activities and events that encourage goal setting and leadership qualities.

The Newgate Clover Club was formed by Judy Wysocki that same year with twelve members, including her older daughter Terrie. Meeting weekly and forming arts, crafts and small animal projects, the group flourished.

By 1980, there were three groups (one club), run by parent volunteers in round-robin style with Mrs. Wysocki as coordinator. In the fall of that year, a new name, **Clover and Overs**, was chosen for the club's new monthly newsletter. At this time, some of the original Clovers had turned nine year olds, thus crossing over to full-fledged 4-H members.

Young people, ages 7-19, are eligible as 4-H members regardless of race, color, national origin, religion or handicap. Second and third graders are known as Clover members while all others between the ages of 9-19 are 4-H members. All 4-H'ers, except Clovers, have the responsibility of keeping a detailed accounting of personal and club projects in which they participated.

These records are essential to enter county, state and national fair competition at which award selections are made on the basis of individual merit. Clovers may be awarded prizes without the information.

Starting in September 1981, there were 36 **Clover and Overs** meeting at the West Suffield Second Congregational Church on the fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. to conduct a business meeting and program. Officers for the 1981-82 year are: Tracy

Smith, president; Terry Stearns, vice-president; Suzi Stolzenber, secretary and Terrie Wysocki, treasurer. Dues of \$3.50 per year are used to fund the club. All project costs come from the project groups. Clovers meet weekly after school at their parent project leader's home and Overs meet as often as their project dictates.

At the Hartford County 4-H Fair in August, Chris Stearns turned in a blue ribbon demonstration and was a runner-up for the Edgar Grant Trophy. Sarah Markoski, Chris Millick and Kevin Seger were the Junior Reserve Grand Champions - Industrial Arts Department. Jessica Wysocki was a Grand Champion (goats), and his sister Terrie was also a Grand Champion (doe goats) and a Reserve Grand Champion (doe rabbit and litter). Both were Junior Grand Champions (Natural Sciences).

Not only do 4-H'ers work on individual projects but are encouraged to do group activities by joining one of three committees which plan club functions, each guided by an adult advisor. The "Fun-Time Committee" planned an exciting hayride and Halloween Party at the 4-H Farm in Bloomfield while the "Fundraisers Committee" has organized bake sales to subsidize club activities.

"Doing good for others" is the job of the young people on the "Service Committee." On Valentine's Day a party for Senior Citizens at Maple Court, consisting of refreshments and games, was enjoyed by all. Decorating Kent Memorial Library each season and during the holidays is also a club responsibility. A coming attraction will be a "Carol Sing" at Maple Court on the evening of December 21. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served to everyone in attendance.

Suffield is glad Judith Wysocki formed this 4-H group six years ago. **Clovers and Overs**: its members and parent project leaders are a credit to the town.



WGBY VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS Claudia Scott, left, and Sarah Cothran, right, show Southwick High students Todd Breton, Carrie Monahan, Elaine Aleckson, and Julie Cecchini how to take pledge calls during the public television station's recent fundraising drive.

Southwick Students Aid Channel 57

When the Student Council of Southwick High School made their TV debut on Channel 57 last month, they also made quite an impression on the station's staff members who described them as some of the "most professional and well-groomed students to take part in a pledge drive."

The students answered calls during a two hour pledge period on a "Sesame Street Afternoon." They were part of a volunteer group upon which the station depends to take and record contributions. This is a vital source of funding for the publicly supported station.

Sarah Cothran, volunteer coordinator at the station was so pleased with the group's responsible attitude that she has invited them to participate in the annual Spring Drive, an evening duty normally reserved for adult groups.

The Student Council was represented by Todd Breton, president; and Elaine Aleckson, Michelle Baribeau, Carrie Monahan, Leanne Dearborn (who spoke for the group on the live show), Jennifer Hall, Alison Hiers, Julie Cecchini, Donna Griffin and Faith Wolfe.

Southwick teachers Bonnie Kibbe (council advisor) and Mary Jane O'Donoghue were also part of the group.

Opportunities for volunteer students who wished to gain some experience at a television studio was explained. Sarah Cothran is happy to tell any interested student how to get involved in one of the many operations of the station. Call her at 781-2801 any morning or leave a message in the afternoon. It's a great way to be part of a very integral aspect of our lives - television.

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SPORTS

Suffield's "Big 3" On All-State Team

By Dawn Cummock

Suffield High's very own Missy Wentworth, a junior, succeeded in becoming the first girl from Suffield to be named to the All-State soccer team in the four years that Suffield High has had a girls varsity program. Missy was also elected to the All-Conference (NCCC) for the third year in a row.

Joining Missy on the All-State teams were boys soccer players Dan Sullivan and John Bertolini, each vital cogs in the Suffield state championship drive.

Missy has been playing soccer since she was in the primary grades with the Recreation Department in Suffield. Although she has natural ability, as her awards clearly point out, much of her hard-earned success must be attributed to the Suffield Rec. Department for the excellent coaching she received as a youngster.

However, her high school coach, Fran Aniello, should not be neglected, for he, too, contributed to her accomplishments.

Girls soccer is not separated into divisions like boys soccer, but the method of selecting the All-State team is the same. Candidates are chosen by the coaches from around the state who must vote for a player that is not on his/her own team. The coaches vote for the players that they believe are the finest in the Nutmeg state.

Missy tallied ten goals this season in leading Suffield High in that department. She rotated as the center forward and center halfback. Besides being a talented soccer player, Missy also displays her talents in basketball. An all-around athlete, Missy was a much-deserving recipient for the All-State first team.

On the boys side, the two selections for the Class M All-State team, seniors Danny Sullivan and John Bertolini, were equally as deserving of such recognition.

Danny not only qualified for the first team All-State team, but he one of eleven players chosen as a recipient of the New Haven Register Award. This award was an even greater honor for Danny because The Register only chooses what it believes are the top eleven soccer players in the entire state.

Danny scored thirteen goals as the starting center halfback, making him the second leading scorer in the league and Suffield's top scorer. Danny was also awarded the MVP for the state championship game held in Manchester on November 22 against Valley Regional.

Dan has been playing soccer for nearly twelve years and plans to continue his career in college.

Suffield's other talented player chosen for All-State honors is senior fullback John Bertolini.

John, like Danny, has been a member of the varsity team for three consecutive seasons, beginning in his sophomore year. He played the team's sweeperback, saving many goals with his speed and aggressiveness.

John is a versatile athlete and plays ice hockey in the winter and baseball in the spring for the high school.

John is a college bound student who plans on participating in either soccer or hockey in the collegiate ranks. John and Danny were coached this year by Tom Ferreri, a former soccer player for Ellington High School and Springfield College. Ferreri succeeded George Galiatos.



MISSY WENTWORTH (21) drives up-field and became the first Suffield girls varsity performer to ever be selected for the All-State team. Missy has tons of natural ability and has been playing soccer since she was in the primary grades.



DANNY SULLIVAN, a master in fooling the defense, settles a pass during October action for Suffield High School.



"LONG" JOHN BERTOLINI was a constant menace to the opposing attack, often breaking up offensive thrusts into the Suffield zone. He too, is an All-State selection.

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Outlook Sound For Icemen Of Suffield High

By Rick McCarty

For the Suffield Wildcats of the ice, the season has got off to a roaring start. With a defeat of Rockville High on Saturday December 12 by a 6-1 count, the locals look to have a promising season.

On defense four year starter John Bertolini teams with junior Bob Heyse as the anchormen. The other pair of defensivemen are Mike Frey, a senior, and junior Mark Kuchachik. All four backliners are returning starters from last years club.

On the attack there are three balanced lines working for second year coach Laurie Basterache. The first line consists of senior Dan Sullivan centering senior John Gallant and sophomore Joey Carreri. The second line's makeup includes wings Randi Demers and Brian Gardocki flanking center Billy Carney.

This trio of juniors look to score with consistency, says Basterache. Finally, there is senior center Rob Colson flanked by wings Todd Phelps, a junior, and senior Mike Milligan.

Goalie Bernie Dion looks forward to repeating his fine campaign of a year ago in guarding the Suffield nets.

In the 6-1 victory over Rockville, goal scoring was split six ways: Randi Gallant, Dan Sullivan, Kuchachik.

Mike Frey, Billy Carney, John Carreri and Mark Kuchachik.

Suffield Girls Coach Says "We're Better"

By Rick McCarty

The Suffield High girls basketball team can only improve from last year's dismal season of 2-15. But Coach Bob Novak believes that her squad will do better than improve. Citing that her coach is confident, captain Missy Wentworth, a junior is also optimistic, saying, "We are a better team."

With Wentworth, seniors Pam Norcross and Kelly Borchers, and sophomore Beth Glime, the only players with previous varsity experience, coach Novak has inexperience as a large obstacle to the road to improvement.

Along with Norcross, other guards will be junior Debbie Lownds and sophomore Cathy Kavanaugh. At forwards are seniors LouAnn Charbonneau and Borchers, junior Theresa Coggins and Glime.

One special feature of the Wildcat attack is versatility. With three players capable of playing either forward or guard, Novak enjoys the luxury of being able to substitute liberally. These three, Wentworth and freshmen Julie Sullivan and Lisa Gebhart, are sure to be a great aid to the cause.

In the first two games however, Suffield showed that there is still more work to do as they lost a 38-37 squeaker to the East Granby Crusaders, and a 54-27 decision to Windsor Locks. According to Wentworth, "the second period killed us," referring to the East Granby contest. "But we can back in the third and fourth quarters." Against the Raiders of Windsor Locks, Suffield faced a team that fielded a 6-3 center.

The Wildcats look to rebound with games against East Windsor, Farmington and Ellington next week.

Suffield Hoop Opens Season Inexperienced

By Rick McCarty

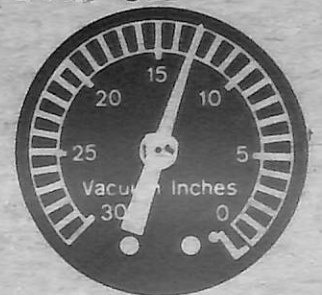
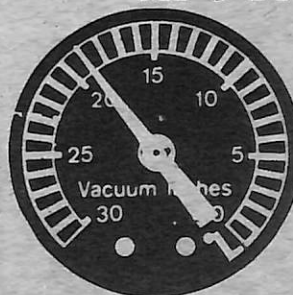
After losing four starters from last year's squad, the Suffield High Wildcats will look to rebuild with a young, but promising quintet. Led by senior guard David Simmons, the Wildcats look to be quick on the fast break as they boast one of the quickest team coach Frank Aniello has ever fielded.

At the other guard spots is senior Tony Gebhart, junior Russ Fricke, and sophomore Eddie Angelero. Of the four guards, only Simmons has varsity playing time to his name.

At forwards, seniors Rob Psholka and Tom Morrison, who have some previous varsity playing time, should see plenty of action. Also, sophomore Roger Hawes, after getting into the thick of things as a freshman, is back wearing Wildcat colors.

Also vying for the forward slots are a trio of juniors; Andrew Davis, James Danise, and Tony Young. All have the ability to contribute to the effort this season. Rounding out the team is senior Rick McCarty, who is available for either guard or forward play.

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Southwick Girls Smash Smith

By Chris Hout

The Southwick Rams, using a balanced scoring attack and strong rebounding, ran the visiting Smith Academy Falcons right out of Southwick with a 49-34 victory in girls high school hoop action on Thursday.

The Rams, now 2-0 on the young season, received a game high 12 points from senior forward Karen Schulz, 10 from sophomore center Jesse Hansen, 6 from guard Allison Hiers, 4 from Cindy Lapan and reserves Robin Schools and Avola Brown, in disposing the stubborn Falcons.

"Considering that we could not practice the day before (school was cancelled), I thought the girls played very well," said Southwick coach Jim Vincent. "The starters did an excellent job as well as the players off the bench. I was impressed with Avola Brown. She did a good job under the boards. I didn't realize she could leap so well. I thought we utilized ten players very effectively tonight."

Southwick trailed briefly in the first quarter 4-3, and that was the first and last time Southwick was to trail, as the Rams, led by Hansen, broke out of the gate and blitzed the beleaguered Smith Academy cagers with 10 unanswered points in route to a 13-6 first quarter edge.

The Rams extended their lead to 27-14 at the half, 37-28 after three quarters and eventually won the contest going away, 49-34.

Hansen, a 5-8 sophomore center, was a wrecking

crew by herself under the boards. Hansen tore down ten rebounds and muscled her way for ten big points in the victory. Hansen has now scored a total of 19 points in her initial two games as a member of the varsity.

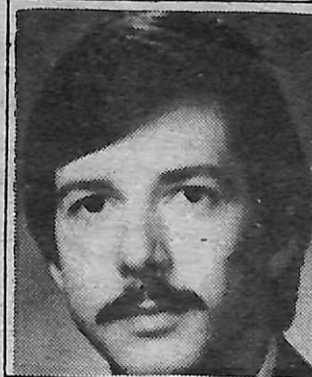
"Jesse can go inside with the best of them," said Vincent. "She was really tough on the boards tonight. I didn't realize she scored as many points as she did until I looked at the score sheet. She had a really big night."

Another player drawing praise from Vincent was forward Karen Schultz. And with good reason. Schultz hustled up and down the floor, scoring 12 points, grabbing her share of rebounds, dishing off assists and intercepting errant passes in turning in a five-star effort.

Southwick is now 2-0 on the season as the Rams defeated Mohawk in their seasonal opener Tuesday at Mohawk, 43-37. Jesse Hansen led all scorers with nine points in that one.

"I'm not doing anything different," says Vincent in reference to his early season success with the girls squad. Vincent had previously coached the boys team Southwick for 13 years. "I am using the same techniques with the girls as I did with the boys and it seems to be working well so far."

Vincent did admit, however, "I have to be a little more patient with the girls. I'm getting there," he chuckled.



A Part Of Life...

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Confronting Reality

When someone dies, a life on earth ends. What remains is the body of a man, woman, or child who once was loved and who loved in return. When we remember that person, we often think of them in terms of their physical being - their body.

That is why it is difficult, if not impossible, for most survivors to disassociate themselves immediately from the lifeless body. Our mind requires evidence that life has ended. The presence of the body gives this evidence and provide the opportunity for recall and reminiscence. It offers testimony and tribute to the life that has been lived.

In most events and ceremonies, there is a meaningful symbol or person upon which to focus our attention. At a wedding, it is the bride and groom. For the pledge of allegiance, it is the flag. At a birthday party, it is the person whose birthday is being celebrated. And at the funeral, it is the body of the person who has died.

The first step in starting the process of healthful mourning is to acknowledge that the death has occurred. Nothing confirms this reality like viewing the body. Seeing is believing. It is the first essential step toward managing one's grief.

Viewing has become more important today than ever before. More people are dying away from home. There are more deaths following long and devastating illness. There are more people whose lives end under tragic circumstances. Several helpful purposes are served by viewing the body during the wake or visitation.

REALIZATION: The moment of truth when a person confronts the fact of death by looking at the body.

RECALL: Whether the death was due to an accident or after a long, devastating illness, proper preparation gives the family a more acceptable recall or memory image of the deceased than what they had witnessed prior to death.

EXPRESSION: Many people find it difficult to express themselves if they don't do it right away. Thus the body present and viewed during the visitation provides an immediate and proper climate for such expression.

People tend to deny painful reality, but when they experience that moment of truth that comes when they stand before the dead body, their denials collapse. Grief is a feeling. If you deny it, you have difficulty coping with it, but if you face it, you start the process of healthful mourning.

For most, the funeral with the body present becomes an experience of value as they work through the sociological, psychological, and many times religious needs that are a part of the grief experience.

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